586 and seventeen for women. One of the consequences of war was an increase in the divorce rates. In the 1930's only about 1400 marriages, or 0.4 per thousand, ended in divorce; in 1945 the figure was 5605, or 1.5 per thousand. Recently the rate has again declined; in 1951 3450 divorces were granted.

162 The families in Finland are a little larger than in Scandinavia, 4 to 5 children being com-

[369] mon. As in other places, children are more numerous in the rural areas, especially among the poorest population, than in the cities.

[168] Large families are encouraged by tax exemptions and benefits paid for each child under sixteen, regardless of the financial position of the parents.

737 The care of old people mostly remains in the family. For those who cannot be properly